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Item 1. Emergency measures in personnel administration to meet the outbreak of the Affair.

Concerning the clash between the troops of Japan and China which broke out on the midnight of 7 July, 1937, near Lukouchiao, as the result of unlawful firing on the part of Chinese soldiers, the Imperial Government, at a cabinet meeting of 11 July, made an important determination and decided to take necessary steps in connection with the dispatching of troops to North China. Accordingly, as a hasty measure for strengthening the staffs of our diplomatic offices in North China, we instructed by telegrams Vice-Consul MIMURA and clerk KATAOKA at Yingkou, and Vice-Consul ARIHISA and clerk MOCHIZUKI at Chengchiatun, (the consulates at these two places had been scheduled to be closed down soon) to await orders for dispatch to North China. Besides, Councillor MORISHIMA was ordered to proceed alone to his post at Peking by advancing the date of his departure. Consul YONAIYAMA, who had been staying in Tokyo, also received unofficial instructions to prepare for dispatch to North China. Thus, on the following day, that is, 12 July, orders were issued to Vice-Consuls MIMURA and ARIHISA to proceed to North China. However, as it so happened that the telegram from the Japanese Ambassador to Manchoukuo reporting that these two Vice-Consuls as well as clerks KATAOKA and MOCHIZUKI had almost finished winding up the affairs of these two consulates and had made all preparations for starting at once upon receipt of orders, crossed the above-mentioned orders, telegraphic instruction was given to clerk KATAOKA to proceed at once.